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given no settled income. Consequently, ' thinking she was to be kept in a necessitous dependance on the court/ she instigated her friends to make a motion in Parliament that a suitable income should be granted her. The Queen resented her appealing to Parliament ' before she had tried, in_r a private way, what the King intended to assign her J.¹ The story she tells in her Memoirs confirms Burnet's narrative.

I had a very sensible affliction also at this time, which was to see how my sister was making parties to get a revenue settled, and said nothing of it to me. The King did not thinck fit I should say any thing of it to her, and indeed she avoided carefully ever since I came from Hamptoncourt all occasions of being alone with me. This bussiness went on till there were great heats in the House of Commons about it, at last in a committee it was carried against her ; upon which the King the next morning sent her a message by the Ld. Shrewsbury to desire that she would put an end to all this, and that he would for this year give her 50,000 p. and when his own revenue was settled would take care that sum should be settled upon her, and being sensible she must be in debts, he offerd to pay her debts besides. This the Ld. Shrewsbury first proposed to the Lord Marlborough, who beggd he would not own he found him, his wife would by no means hear of it, but was like a mad wo-man and said the Princess would retire if her friends would not assist her ; and when he spoke to my sister

her self, the
 answer was, she had met with so little
 encouragment from
 the King, that she could expect no kindness
 from him, and
 therefore would stick to her friends. When I
 heard this I
 thought it no longer time to be silent, but upon
 her coming
 to me next night I spoke to her. She could tell
 me no one
 thing in which the King had not been kind to
 her, and
 would not own her self in the wrong for not
 speacking to
 either of us, so that I found as I told her she
 had shewd as
 much want of kindness to me as respect to
 the King and I

¹ Own Time, ii. 90-1.